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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC SITUATION IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

1. GREEK DCM NURES CALLED ON DEFOFF (EUR) JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS CYPRUS AND AEGEAN (SEPTTEL).
2. NURES INDICATED TURKS AND TURK CYPRIOTS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT GREEK CYPRIOT EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF NORTHERN CYPRUS. TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD SUFFERED LONG PERIOD OF ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION, AND VIEWED CURRENT GREEK CYPRIOT ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN AND CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS AS EFFORT TO "STRANGLE" NORMAL ECONOMIC LIFE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. SUCH EFFORTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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NURES SAID, WERE NOT IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT OF NEGOTIATIONS. TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE MAKING GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO FIND CYPRUS SOLUTION BUT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE MAKING THIS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. TURKEY HOPED THAT US COULD EXPRESS TO GREEK CYPRIOTS WHY THEIR CURRENT ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD NORTHERN CYPRUS

WAS ILL ADVISED. DEPOFF REPLIED THAT WE WOULD SEEK
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GENERAL TURKISH VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT
KNOWN TO GREEK CYPRIOTS BUT THAT WE WOULD NOT ENTER INTO
DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS. VANCE

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